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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:)
H. Michael WENZ)
Application No.: 09/724,755) Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: November 28, 2000) Examiner: J. FREDMAN
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING) Confirmation No. 8421
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS)
USING COUPLED LIGATION) Attention: MAIL STOP AF
AND AMPLIFICATION) Expedited Procedure After Final

MAIL STOP AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision in the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time to respond to the Final Office Action was filed on July 28, 2004, extending the period for response to August 1, 2004.
2. A Petition for Second and Third Month Extension of Time to extend the period for response to October 1, 2004 is enclosed together with a fee of \$870.00.
3. The Appeal Fee of \$340.00.

is enclosed or is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916

4. A check for \$1,210.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Notice of Appeal and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 1, 2004

By: Michael R. Albrecht

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